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In re application of:

SHUZO FUJIMURA et al.

Application No.: 09/328,939

Filed: June 9, 1999

For: SURFACE TREATMENT
METHOD AND EQUIPMENT

Examiner: Shamim Ahmed

Art Unit: 1765

PETITION TO REVIVE
UNINTENTIONALLY ABANDONED
APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner to revive the instant application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b) due to unintentional abandonment. The application was unintentionally abandoned for failure to submit a response to the Advisory Action mailed October 30, 2002. The undersigned attorney discovered the error after a voice mail message left by Examiner Shamim Ahmed, reminding us that January 1, 2003 was the final date for response.

The required reply to the office action is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), requesting that the Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed October 10, 2002 be entered by the examiner. It is respectfully requested that this amendment now be entered.

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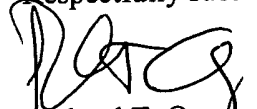
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The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for reply until the the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this petition was unintentional.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the petition fee of \$650.00, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(1), as indicated on the attached Fee Transmittal, submitted in duplicate.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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